

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 through 37 (canceled)

1 38. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of
2 granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or
3 cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic
4 fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained,
5 fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer
6 materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules
7 have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 1% to
8 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the
9 granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following
10 particle-size distribution:

11 0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
12 1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
13 4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
14 8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
15 10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
16 15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
17 7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm

1 39. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the density of the granules ranges from 1.2 g/cm³ to 3.1
3 g/cm³.

1 40. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the moisture content of the granules ranges from 2% to
3 12%.

1 41. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the bulk density of the granules ranges from 170 g/l to
3 600 g/l.

1 42. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the cellulose is selected from the group consisting of
3 cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax, hemp, jute, cuprammonium silk,
4 rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

1 43. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the cellulosic raw material is wood, wood shavings,
3 sawdust, straw and/or cork.

1 44. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of cellulosic granules in the mixture
3 ranges from 40% to 100% by weight.

1 45. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the mixtures contain auxiliaries and additives in
3 amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 46. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the
3 mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 47. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 46 wherein the auxiliaries and additives are organic or inorganic
3 substances, colorants, binders, curing agents, dispersants,
4 preservatives, fungicides, mica, flame-resistant materials,
5 nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

1 48. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 47 wherein the colorant is a white or colored organic or inorganic
3 colorant.

1 49. (new) The sprayable coating agent defined in claim 38
2 comprising a mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp
3 cellulose as the granules of cellulose, and a colorant as the
4 auxiliary or additive material.

1 50. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of
2 granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or
3 cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic
4 fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained,
5 fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer
6 materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules
7 have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 5.7%, a
8 bulk density of 352 g/l and so the granules have the following
9 particle-size distribution:

10	2.5 % by weight	< 100 µm
11	18.8 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
12	7.5% % by weight	250 - 400 µm
13	11.9 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
14	27.1 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
15	19.7 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

1 51. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of sieved
2 granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or
3 cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic
4 fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained,
5 fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer
6 materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules
7 have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 5.9%, a

bulk density of 326 g/l and so that the sieved granules have the following particle-size distribution:

6.1 % by weight	< 100 μm
4.3 % by weight	100 - 250 μm
6.2 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
14.0 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
14.5 % by weight	600 - 800 μm
43.1 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
12.0 % by weight	> 1250 μm .

52. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 μm
10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 μm
7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 μm
3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 μm .

1 53. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the density of the granules ranges from 1.2 g/cm³ to 3.1
3 g/cm³.

1 54. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the moisture content of the granules ranges from 2% to
3 12%.

1 55. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the bulk density of the granules ranges from 170 g/l to
3 600 g/l.

1 56. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the cellulose is selected from the group consisting of
3 cotton, linters, pulp, paper, flax, hemp, jute, cuprammonium silk,
4 rayon, lyocel and/or colored fibers.

1 57. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the cellulosic raw material is wood, wood shavings,
3 sawdust, straw and/or cork.

1 58. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the proportion of cellulosic granules in the mixture
3 ranges from 40% to 100% by weight.

1 59. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the mixtures contain auxiliaries and additives in
3 amounts ranging from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 60. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the mixtures contain organic polymers in amounts ranging
3 from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 61. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 60 wherein the auxiliaries and additives are organic or inorganic
3 substances, colorants, binders, curing agents, dispersants,
4 preservatives, fungicides, mica, flame-resistant materials,
5 nanoparticles of any type and/or water.

1 62. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 61 wherein the colorant is a white or colored organic or inorganic
3 colorant.

1 63. (new) The sprayable coating agent defined in claim 52
2 comprising a mixture of pre-ground, non-sieved granules of pulp
3 cellulose as the granules of cellulose, and a colorant as the
4 auxiliary or additive material.

1 64. (new) A sprayable coating agent in the form of
2 granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or
3 cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic
4 fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained
5 fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer
6 materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules
7 have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 6.3%, a
8 bulk density of 465 g/l and so that the granules have the following
9 particle-size distribution:

10 0.4% by weight	< 800 µm
11 9.6 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
12 67.5 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
13 22.2 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm
14 0.4 % by weight	> 2000 µm

1 65. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester, polyamide,
3 polyacrylonitrile, polyurethane, polyethylene, polypropylene and/or
4 acetate fibers.

1 66. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the inorganic fibers are silicate, water glass, glass,
3 metal and/or carbon fibers.

1 67. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of synthetic fibers in the mixture ranges
3 from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 68. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of inorganic fibers in the mixture ranges
3 from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 69. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or
3 pulverulent substances are marble, quartz sand, silicic acid,
4 chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal oxides.

1 70. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of inorganic coarse-grained, fine-grained
3 or pulverulent substances in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by
4 weight.

1 71. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the organic polymer materials are polyethylene,
3 polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polystyrene foam,
4 acrylates, rubber and/or other modified and unmodified
5 polysaccharides.

1 72. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 38 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the
3 mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

1 73. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the synthetic fibers are polyester, polyamide,
3 polyacrylonitrile, polyurethane, polyethylene, polypropylene and/or
4 acetate fibers.

1 74. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the inorganic fibers are silicate, water glass, glass,
3 metal and/or carbon fibers.

1 75. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the proportion of synthetic fibers in the mixture ranges
3 from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 76. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the proportion of inorganic fibers in the mixture ranges
3 from 0% to 60% by weight.

1 77. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or
3 pulverulent substances are marble, quartz sand, silicic acid,
4 chalk, gypsum, carbonates and/or metal oxides.

1 78. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the proportion of inorganic coarse-grained, fine-grained
3 or pulverulent substances in the mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by
4 weight.

1 79. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the organic polymer materials are polyethylene,
3 polypropylene, polytetrafluoroethylene, polystyrene foam,
4 acrylates, rubber and/or other modified and unmodified
5 polysaccharides.

1 80. (new) The sprayable coating agent according to claim
2 52 wherein the proportion of organic polymer materials in the
3 mixture ranges from 0% to 40% by weight.

81. (new) A method for making a sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 µm
1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 µm
4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 µm
8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 µm
10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 µm
15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 µm.

comprising the step of:

(a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic starting materials before granulation to obtain a grinding stock having the following particle-size distribution:

40 to 65% by weight	> 40 µm
25 to 45% by weight	> 50 µm
5 to 20% by weight	> 63 µm
0 to 10% by weight	> 90 µm

26 0 to 5% by weight > 100 μ m;
27 (b) compacting the grinding stock to form a pressed piece
28 of compacted cellulosic material;
29 (c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to
30 obtain the cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle size
31 distribution; and
32 (d) optionally sieving the cellulosic granules according
33 to step (c).

1 82. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein according to step (b)
3 the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted to form a
4 pressed piece using a contact force ranging from 30 kN to 400 kN.

1 83. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 82 wherein the starting materials
3 or material mixtures are compacted using a commercially available
4 compactor.

1 84. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein some of the auxiliaries
3 or additives are admixed with the starting materials or material
4 mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving
5 operations.

1 85. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein water is added to the
3 starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting,
4 granulating or sieving operations.

1 86. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating
4 compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 20,000 mPas.

1 87. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water and optionally with conventional auxiliaries
4 and/or additives to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating
5 compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 80,000 mPas.

1 88. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water and optionally with colored fibers and/or
4 metallic fibers and/or metallic particles and/or mother-of-pearl
5 and/or inorganic and/or organic dyed particles in order to achieve
6 certain visual effects so as to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty
7 coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 90,000
8 mPas.

1 89. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 88 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid,
3 pasty coating compound contains 5% to 40% by weight of granules, 0%
4 to 60% by weight of water and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries
5 and/or additives.

1 90. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 81 wherein a dry mixture is
3 prepared that contains 5% to 100% by weight of granules and 0% to
4 95% by weight of auxiliaries and/or additives.

1 91. (new) A method for making a sprayable coating agent
2 in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated
3 cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof
4 with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic,
5 coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or
6 organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby
7 the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture
8 content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so
9 that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the
10 following particle-size distribution:

11 5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 µm
12 10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 µm
13 25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 µm
14 7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 µm

15 3 - 5 % by weight > 2000 μm

16 comprising the step of:

17 (a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic
18 starting materials before granulation to obtain a grinding stock
19 having the following particle-size distribution:

20 40 to 65% by weight > 40 μm

21 25 to 45% by weight > 50 μm

22 5 to 20% by weight > 63 μm

23 0 to 10% by weight > 90 μm

24 0 to 5% by weight > 100 μm ;

25 (b) compacting the grinding stock to form a pressed piece
26 of compacted cellulosic material;

27 (c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to
28 obtain the cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle size
29 distribution; and

30 (d) optionally sieving the cellulosic granules according
31 to step (c).

1 92. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 91 wherein according to step (b)
3 the starting materials or material mixtures are compacted to form a
4 pressed piece using a contact force ranging from 30 kN to 400 kN.

1 93. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 92 wherein the starting materials
3 or material mixtures are compacted using a commercially available
4 compactor.

1 94. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 91 wherein some of the auxiliaries
3 or additives are admixed with the starting materials or material
4 mixtures prior to the compacting, granulating or sieving
5 operations.

1 95. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 90 wherein water is added to the
3 starting materials or material mixtures prior to the compacting,
4 granulating or sieving operations.

1 96. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating
4 compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 20,000 mPas.

1 97. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water and optionally with conventional auxiliaries
4 and/or additives to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating
5 compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 80,000 mPas.

1 98. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 90 wherein the granules are
3 stirred with water and optionally with colored fibers and/or
4 metallic fibers and/or metallic particles and/or mother-of-pearl
5 and/or inorganic and/or organic dyed particles in order to achieve
6 certain visual effects so as to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty
7 coating compound having a viscosity ranging from 300 to 90,000
8 mPas.

1 99. (new) The method for the production of the sprayable
2 coating agent according to claim 97 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid,
3 pasty coating compound contains 5% to 40% by weight of granules, 0%
4 to 60% by weight of water and 0% to 95% by weight of auxiliaries
5 and/or additives.

100. (new) A method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface which comprises the step of applying directly onto the interior or exterior surface a sprayable coating agent in the form of granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic, coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives whereby the granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a moisture content of 1% to 20%, a bulk density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size distribution:

0 - 40 % by weight	0 - 600 μ m
5 - 55 % by weight	600 - 1250 μ m
5 - 95 % by weight	> 1250 μ m or
0 - 15 % by weight	0 - 800 μ m
10 - 85 % by weight	800 - 2000 μ m
0 - 15 % by weight	> 2000 μ m.

101. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating, finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined in claim 100 wherein the cellulose granules have the following particle-size distribution:

0.2 - 5 % by weight	< 100 μ m
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6	1 - 15 % by weight	100 - 250 μm
7	4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
8	8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
9	10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 μm
10	15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
11	7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 μm .

1 102. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating,
2 finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined
3 in claim 100 wherein the cellulose granules have the following
4 particle-size distribution:

5	5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 μm
6	10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
7	25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 μm
8	7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 μm
9	3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 μm .

1 103. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating,
2 finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined
3 in claim 100 wherein the sprayable coating agent is a stiff,
4 semi-fluid pasty composition.

1 104. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating,
2 finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined
3 in claim 103 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid pasty composition is
4 applied onto the surface to be coated with a spraying device so
5 that a desired surface structure
6 can be set by the granularity of the granules.

1 105. (new) The method of applying a decorative coating,
2 finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface defined
3 in claim 103 wherein the stiff, semi-fluid pasty composition is
4 mixed with water prior to applying the composition directly onto
5 the interior or exterior surface.

1 106. (New) A sprayable coating agent in the form of dry
2 granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated cellulose and/or
3 cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof with synthetic
4 fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or in-organic, coarse-grained,
5 fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or organic polymer
6 materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby the granules
7 have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a bulk density of 150 g/l to
8 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which optionally may be sieved,
9 have the following particle-size distribution:

10 0.2 - 5 % by weight < 100 µm
11 1 - 15 % by weight 100 - 250 µm

12	4 - 25 % by weight	250 - 400 μm
13	8 - 30 % by weight	400 - 600 μm
14	10 - 35 % by weight	600 - 800 μm
15	15 - 40 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
16	7 - 20 % by weight	> 1250 μm .

1 107. (New) A method for making a sprayable coating agent
2 in the form of dry granules containing cellulose and/or regenerated
3 cellulose and/or cellulosic raw materials and/or mixtures thereof
4 with synthetic fibers and/or inorganic fibers and/or inorganic,
5 coarse-grained, fine-grained or pulverulent substances and/or
6 organic polymer materials and/or auxiliaries or additives, whereby
7 the dry granules have a density of 1 g/cm³ to 5 g/cm³, a bulk
8 density of 150 g/l to 1500 g/l and so that the granules, which
9 optionally may be sieved, have the following particle-size
10 distribution:

11	5 - 10 % by weight	< 800 μm
12	10 - 50 % by weight	800 - 1250 μm
13	25 - 70 % by weight	1250 - 1600 μm
14	7 - 15 % by weight	1600 - 2000 μm
15	3 - 5 % by weight	> 2000 μm .

16 comprising the step of:

17 (a) grinding up the fibrous and coarse-grained cellulosic
18 starting materials before granulation to obtain a dry grinding
19 stock having the following particle-size distribution:

20 40 to 65% by weight > 40 μm
21 25 to 45% by weight > 50 μm
22 5 to 20% by weight > 63 μm
23 0 to 10% by weight > 901 μm
24 0 to 5% by weight > 100 μm ;

25 (b) compacting the dry grinding stock to form a pressed
26 piece of compacted cellulosic material;

27 (c) granulating the compacted cellulosic material to
28 obtain the dry cellulosic granules of the abovementioned particle
29 size distribution; and

30 (d) optionally sieving the dry cellulosic granules
31 according to step (c).

1 108 (new) A method of applying a decorative coating,
2 finishing or structuring to an interior or exterior surface which
3 comprises the step of

4 (a) preparing the sprayable coating agent in the form of
5 dry granules according to claim 107;

6 (b) stirring th dry granules containing cellulose with
7 water to form a stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating composition,
8 suitable for coating a wall or ceiling; and

9 (c) applying the stiff, semi-fluid, pasty coating
10 composition directly onto the inter exterior surface.